

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

**IN RE:        REFERRAL OF CASES TO THE MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 22**

Amended May 12, 2010

The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to refer the following cases to the magistrate judges for the Western District of Arkansas:

- (1) Cases involving the granting of benefits to claimants under the Social Security Act and brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g);
- (2) Applications for post-trial relief made by individuals convicted of criminal offenses filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, § 2254 and § 2255; and
- (3) Prisoner petitions filed pursuant 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

The magistrate judges shall, as appropriate, conduct hearings, including evidentiary hearings, and submit proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition by the presiding district judge, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western District of Arkansas.

The Clerk of Court is also directed to refer to the magistrate judges for the Western District of Arkansas all applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* for the initiation of civil actions, and whether service of process shall issue, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western

Districts of Arkansas. Further, should the magistrate judge determine that no service of process is required, the magistrate judge should submit a report and recommendation regarding the disposition of the case in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

This Order supersedes all previous versions of General Order No. 22.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT ARKANSAS  
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CHRIS R. JOHNSON, CLERK

BY

DEPUTY CLERK

JIMM LARRY HENDREN  
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE